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14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
15 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

18 Plaintiff,

19 v.

20 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA;  
GAVIN C. NEWSOM, in his Official  
21 Capacity as Governor of California;  
KAREN ROSS, in her Official Capacity  
as Secretary of the California  
22 Department of Food & Agriculture;  
ERIC PAN, in her Official Capacity as  
Director of the California Department of  
23 Public Health; and ROB BONTA, in his  
Official Capacity as Attorney General of  
24 California,

25 Defendants.  
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Case No. 2:25-cv-06230-MCS-AGR

**DECLARATION OF HANNAH  
TRUXELL IN SUPPORT OF  
PROPOSED DEFENDANT-  
INTERVENORS' UNOPPOSED  
MOTION TO INTERVENE**

The Honorable Mark C. Scarsi

Date: August 25, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: First Street Courthouse, 350  
W. 1st Street, Courtroom 7C, 7<sup>th</sup>  
Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012

Trial Date: None

Action Filed: July 9, 2025

1       **DECLARATION OF HANNAH TRUXELL IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED**  
2       **DEFENDANT-INTERVENORS' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO INTERVENE**

3 I , Hannah Truxell, declare as follows:.

4       1. I am Senior Policy Counsel for The Humane League (“THL”). I have  
5 personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration. The facts set forth are  
6 true to the best of my knowledge and recollection. If called, I could and would  
7 testify to these facts in a court of law.

8       2. THL is a nonprofit animal protection organization organized under the  
9 laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with over 500,000 supporters across  
10 the United States, including over 60,000 supporters in California.

11      3. THL’s mission is to end the abuse of animals raised for food by  
12 working with food companies to create and implement animal welfare policies to  
13 reduce animal suffering, by working to enact legislation to reduce animal suffering,  
14 and by educating the public about farm animal issues. As part of its mission, THL  
15 actively advocates against inhumane practices that harm farm animals, including  
16 those raised for meat, eggs, and milk.

17      4. Beginning in late 2017 and throughout 2018, THL committed  
18 substantial financial and human resources to coordinate gathering more than 60,000  
19 registered voters’ signatures throughout California in support of the Farm Animal  
20 Confinement Initiative that eventually became California Proposition 12. During  
21 and after the signature gathering phase, THL garnered endorsements in support of  
22 Proposition 12, spoke publicly regarding Proposition 12 to educate voters, and  
23 planned and coordinated Get Out the Vote efforts, including a massive text  
24 messaging campaign. THL has also been a Defendant-Intervenor in various federal  
25 court challenges to Proposition 12, one of which reached the Supreme Court,<sup>1</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> *N. Am. Meat Inst. v. Becerra*, No. 2:19-cv-08569 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 4, 2019); *Iowa*  
27 *Pork Producers Ass’n v. Bonta*, No. 2:21-CV-09940 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 16, 2021);  
28 *Nat'l Pork Producers Council v. Ross*, Case No. 3:19-cv-02324 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 5,  
2019) (lower court decision in favor of Defendants affirmed in *Nat'l Pork*  
*Producers Council v. Ross*, 598 U.S. 356 (2023)).

has actively participated in the comment process for the upcoming state regulations.

5. By the end of the campaign, THL's reported financial contributions in support of Proposition 12's passage exceeded \$200,000.

6. Should Proposition 12 be overturned, THL's efforts would be nullified and THL would have to expend additional resources in California and elsewhere to support alternative protective measures for farm animals.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, based on my own personal knowledge and understanding, and, as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

10                   Executed this 22nd day of July in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Hannah Truxell